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FROM ROGERS AND SCHAUFLE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
MARK CHONA

1. WE AND STEVE LOW MET WITH MARK CHONA WHO CARRIES BRIEF ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT. HE RAISED WITH US TWO ISSUES WHICH HE SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED HIM TO CLARIFY.
2. THE FIRST RELATED TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES FROM NAMIBIA. HE POINTED OUT THE REASONS WHY SWAPO HAD HERETOFORE LAID THIS DOWN AS A PRECONDITION -- ESSENTIALLY THAT THESE FORCES HAVE BEEN, TO SWAPO, INSTRUMENTS OF REPRESSION. WOULD WE CONTEMPLATE A DETERMINATION OF WHEN WITHDRAWAL WOULD OCCUR AS A PRECONDITION TO THE INSTITUTION OF THE GENEVA TALKS? WE SUGGESTED THAT THE QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL WAS A QUESTION WHICH THE OUTSIDE PARTIES SHOULD NOT TRY TO ANSWER NOW BUT WHICH WAS RATHER APPROPRIATE FOR THE GENEVA TALKS THEMSELVES. SWAPO WOULD GO TO GENEVA WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ITS INSISTENCE THAT WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE TRANSITION TO SELF DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

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IN OTHER WORDS, THE QUESTION OF WHEN THE WITHDRAWAL OF

MILITARY FORCES OCCURRED SHOULD BE REMITTED TO THE GENEVA BARGAINING TABLE AND NEED NOT BE SETTLED NOW.

3. WE EMPHASIZED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS VIEW BY SWAPO WOULD NOT PREJUDICE ITS ESSENTIAL POSITION. ON THE OTHER HAND, SWAPO'S REFUSAL TO GO TO GENEVA ON THIS GROUND ALONE MIGHT COMPELL US TO CONCLUDE THAT OUR FURTHER EFFORTS WOULD BE BOOTLESS. IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING TOMORROW MORNING THAT WE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD ALONG THE PRECISE LINES WE EXPLAINED TO THE PRESIDENT EARLIER IN THE DAY.

4. CHONA THEN RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF THE CEASE FIRE IN RHODESIA. HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR AS TO WHAT WE HAD INTENDED TO SIGNIFY WHEN WE SAID "THE VIOLENCE SHOULD STOP WHEN THE PROCESS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE BEGAN." DID WE MEAN TO SAY BY THAT THAT THE NATIONALIST FORCES SHOULD LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS WHEN SMITH HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO WITHDRAWAL AND WHEN THE CARETAKER ADMINISTRATION, COMMITTED TO ORGANIZING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, TOOK OVER? WE SAID YES. WE WERE NOT INSISTING, IN OTHER WORDS, ON AN UNQUALIFIED COMMITMENT TO STOP THE VIOLENCE IMMEDIATELY BUT RATHER A CONTINGENT COMMITMENT NOW THAT THE VIOLENCE WOULD STOP WHEN IT WAS PLAIN THAT THE PROCESS TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE IS IRREVERSIBLY UNDERWAY.

5. CHONA ADDED HOWEVER THAT NO ONE COULD GIVE GUARANTEES AGAINST A CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE COMPETING NATIONAL FACTIONS DURING THE TRANSITION. THE DIFFICULTY OF BRINGING THEM TOGETHER SHOULD NOT BE UNDER-ESTIMATED.

6. ALL THIS TOOK PLACE A FEW HOURS BEFORE KAUNDA'S MEETING WITH SWAPO.  
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